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Balikatan 2001: Shouldering the load together

CLARK
FIELD,
Philippines—
The Republic of the
Philippines and the
United States suc-
cessfully conducted
Balikatan 2001, a com-
bined joint exercise
held in the Republic of the Phil-
ippines from April 27 to May 10.



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

A C-130 from the 36th Airlift Squadron, lands at Clark Air Field, Philippines, during exercise Balikatan 2001.

Balikatan 2001 achieved its purpose of improving R.P. and U.S. combined planning, combat readiness and interoperability of military troops in a wide array of operations, including humanitarian assistance.

The exercise also demonstrated U.S. resolve to support the Republic of the Philippines against external aggression in keeping with the Mutual Defense Treaty and the Visiting Forces Agreement.

Exercise activities included cross training of combined joint forces, as well as medical and engineering civic assistance events in the Pampanga area surrounding Clark Field.

Team Yokota also played a role in Balikatan 2001. The 36th Airlift Squadron, PACAF TALCE (tanker airlift control element), and a few service members from the 374th Medical Group and wing staff deployed to Clark Field.

The exercise name translated from Filipino to English means “shouldering the load together” and characterizes both the intent and philosophy of combined military efforts.

Balikatan 2001 was the seventeenth such exercise and is part of the umbrella exercise Team Challenge. Team Challenge is a multi-lateral approach to exercises and operations.

Recent operations throughout the Asia-Pacific region have been coalitions of multinational forces including East Timor, as well as typhoon, flood and earthquake humanitarian assistance.

Balikatan troops provide medical care

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis
Air Force Print News

Tarlac, Philippines - A joint U.S. and Philippine military team provided medical and dental assistance to about 1,200 people here during exercise Balikatan 2001.

Traveling in a convoy of vans and trucks, the 90-person group, comprised of nurses, doctors, surgeons, veterinarians, dentists, and medical technicians, made a 30-minute trek from Clark Air Field, a former U.S. military base, and were met by a jubilant crowd at the town of Dap Dap, Tarlac. The team, also carrying an assortment of medical supplies and equipment, temporarily converted Dap Dap High School into a hospital.

“Great job! Make sure you bite down for thirty minutes,” yelled Capt. Angela Kobe, a dentist from the 374th Medical Group, Yokota Air Base, Japan, through her surgical mask as she helped patient Virginia Movilla get up from her chair after pulling a couple of wisdom teeth from her mouth. The operation, which lasted about 10 minutes, was a success. Sweating profusely from the heat and humidity inside the dimly lit, makeshift clinic, Kobe said that this is a “great opportunity” to assist those who are in need.

“It feels good to be able to help. Some



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

of our patients had teeth that were already infected and it’s good that we were able to pull them out before the infection had a chance to spread in their mouth. It’s also

important that we were able to get the baby teeth from the children so that their permanent teeth will be able to come out also,”

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Forces practice for casualties at Balikatan

By Master Sgt. Val Gempis
Air Force Print News

BASA AIR BASE, Philippines - A joint team composed of U.S. and Philippine military pararescue personnel held a mass casualty training session here during Exercise Balikatan 2001.

The group, consisting of five U.S. Air Force and ten Philippine Air Force troops, descended on Basa Air Base, Philippines, to rescue survivors of a simulated C-130 cargo aircraft crash May 3.

The crew and passengers of the aircraft were “injured” when the plane’s landing gear failed while attempting to land causing it to belly flop on the concrete.

“Our mission is to get to the scene of the

accident as fast as we can, find survivors, and prioritize which of the injured people had to be evacuated first,” according to Staff

Sgt. Jeremy Hardy, a pararescue specialist from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan.

After notification of the aircraft accident the team raced to the crash site aboard two helicopters, a U.S. Air Force HH-60G “Pavehawk”, also from the 33rd RSQ, and a Philippine Air Force UH-1.

After a brief ten-minute flight from Clark Air Field, Philippines, they reached the site and were immediately greeted by a chaotic scene in which scores of people with mul-

tle injuries littered the runway. With medical kit in hand, both forces immediately treated those with the most serious problems.

“Our job is to get control of the situation and determine priorities for medical treatment,” Hardy said.

Working under a scorching tropical heat and humidity, the team faced a

tough challenge tending to injuries ranging from amputations, burns, head traumas, and also broken bones. After setting up a casualty collection point, they transported the pa-

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33rd Rescue Squadron**

Base Appearance Team converges on Yokota in July

By Senior Master Sgt. Lester Daly
374th Civil Engineer Squadron

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces released the 2001 base appearance inspection schedule recently, with Yokota's inspection slated for July 23 – 27.

In 1987, the base appearance competition began as an initiative designed to enhance readiness by improving quality of life while fostering teamwork and pride at PACAF installations. The competition recognizes and rewards people who contribute the most to the quality and appearance of the installation.

"Maintaining an outstanding quality of life for PACAF personnel and families continues as the motivation behind the program," said base officials. "The high stress of today's Air Force makes quality of life at our installations that much more important now. Increased retention rates and high morale are just two of the obvious benefits resulting from improvements in this

area."

Yokota competes against Kadena, Misawa, Elmendorf and Hickam Air Force Bases for the 2001 PACAF Award. The winning base typically receives between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in operations and maintenance funds. Normally wing commanders use the money on quality of life upgrades and projects. Yokota won the Base Appearance Award in 1999. Then residents were then asked for their input on where the \$200,000 should be spent. Based on that input, the commander decided that the money should be used to upgrade the base theater. Today Yokota has a newly refurbished, top-notch base theater to show for its efforts.

This year the team will judge Yokota in several areas:

General basewide appearance — Worth 20 percent of the total score, this includes base appearance planning, architectural compatibility, general landscaping, grounds maintenance, pavements

and signage.

Building exteriors, interiors, and dorms — Worth 15 percent toward the overall score, the team will look at building exteriors of Yokota's wing, group and squadron headquarters and their associated facilities. This category includes customer-related facilities such as finance, lodging, the gymnasiums, recreation centers, theater, library, chapel and all child development centers, plus DoDDs and AAFES facilities and the commissary. Numerical ratings in this category will be based on observations of facilities' general state of repair, exterior housekeeping and attention to detail.

The interiors of all visitor-oriented facilities or areas of multi-use facilities providing direct service or support to visiting customers will be inspected. These include: Military Personnel Flight, Health and Wellness Center, Contracting, Family Support Center, Base Legal Center and Area Defense Counsel, Finance, Civil En-

gineering, Communications and Supply customer service areas, Traffic Management Office, passenger terminal, bowling center, and the golf clubhouse, just to name a few. Judges focus on maintenance, housekeeping, attention to detail, "pride of ownership," and décor.

The interior and exterior of each occupied, U.S. unaccompanied living quarters on the installation will also be scored. A minimum of two representative rooms from each dormitory will be selected by the installation for evaluation. Ratings for both individual rooms and common areas will be based on demonstrated pride of ownership, housekeeping standards, and the facility's general state of repair.

Military Family Housing — This area is also worth 15 percent of the overall score and is based on observations during guided, daytime, "windshield" tours of all neighborhoods. Scoring is based on exterior appearance, including

the following considerations: congestion, signage, clutter, home finishes, landscaping, lighting, litter, maintenance of common areas, lawns, pavements and walks, and general repair and maintenance.

Self-Help Program and projects — Worth 10 percent of Yokota's score, the self-help category of competition includes an assessment of the available equipment, supplies, level of usage and customer satisfaction. The inspection will also consist of looking at Yokota's 10 best self-help projects completed since the last base appearance competition or 24 months, whichever is the shorter period of time. The installation with the best self-help program will earn the "Golden Hammer Award" and an additional \$50,000 in Quality of Life money to be spent at the discretion of the Wing Commander.

The Wild Card — The final 10 percent, also called the "Wild

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she said.

Although the working conditions at the school were less than austere—there's no water or electricity inside the classrooms—the medical personnel worked hard to treat as many patients as they could. "We'll work until the sun goes down or until we run out of supplies," Kobe added. The dental team treated around 20 patients an hour. Using alcohol to wash her hands because of a lack of soap and water, Kobe expressed her frustration knowing that some of her patient's

teeth could have been easily saved if they could afford proper dental care.

Movilla gingerly stood up from her chair after the procedure. Mouthing a word of thanks to the Americans, she happily held her two children's hands and sat down against a wall to rest before heading for home. "I'm very glad that they are here. We don't have money and we can't afford dental care. This is the only chance that I can get free dental treatment. I'm very thankful that the U.S. military is pro-

viding medical care and medicine for us. This means a lot to my family," she said.

After a few minutes Movilla, carrying brand new toothbrushes and toothpaste for her family, waved goodbye to the Americans and went home with a big smile on her face.

Medical civic action projects deliver primary care to needy areas. They also provide cross training between U.S. and Philippine military medical personnel by giving them an opportunity to learn to

treat and diagnose patients while in the field. It also helps develop goodwill between local residents and exercise participants.

The purpose of Balikatan is to improve U.S. and Philippine combined planning, combat readiness and interoperability in accordance with the Mutual Defense Treaty, while enhancing security relations and demonstrating U.S. resolve to support the Philippines against external aggression through training in the broad operation.

NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE & PACAF

July 1 pay raise targets midlevel NCOs: WASHINGTON — Some midlevel noncommissioned officers will see an increase in their pay July 1 thanks to the fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act.

Unlike last year's July 1 pay table reform where 75 percent of military members saw a raise, this year's re-

form targets E-5s to E-7s with six to 26 years of service and was designed to reward promotion over longevity.

"This is the initial step to fixing the problem," said Maj. Shannon Averill, Air Force pay and allowances chief.

"It's also a step toward closing the gap between private-sector civilian wages and military wages," she added.

Begert assumes command of PACAF after congressional confirmation: HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Congress confirmed Lt. Gen. William J. Begert's promotion to general and reassignment as the 28th Pacific Air Forces commander.

Begert assumed command of Pacific Air Forces during a ceremony May 4. He also be-

came the air component commander for U.S. Pacific Command.

Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, officiated the ceremony. Ryan pinned on Begert's fourth star in Washington, D.C., May 3.

DOD mobilizes to mitigate California power shortage: WASHINGTON — Defense

Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced plans May 3 to cut the Department of Defense's peak power usage in California to help mitigate that state's growing energy shortage.

Rumsfeld directed DOD installations in California to decrease their peak power draw from state commercial electricity grids through conservation, energy efficiency investments and power generation, department officials said.

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South Koreans continue protests against U.S. forces

By Capt. Chris Karns
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — Fists pumping and shouts of “Yankee go home” filling the air is a common scene across the peninsula. Armed with rocks, bottles and picket signs, a small segment of the Korean populace regularly participates in weekly demonstrations protesting against the nearly 37,000 U.S. forces stationed at military installations peninsula-wide.

The reasons behind organized demonstrations vary. In the past, news reports cited dissatisfaction with the current Status of Forces Agreement, encroachment on Korean farmland and alleged U.S. military contamination of the environment as concerns.

Others state Americans have worn out their welcome.

For years U.S. military installations on the peninsula have experienced scheduled, scripted and mostly peaceful weekly protests outside their gates.

At Kunsan, regularly scheduled protests led by a Korean minister, Mun, Chong-Hyon,

have occurred since 1997. The protests usually occur Fridays 2 to 4 p.m. at the installation’s main gate.

The local demonstrators protest against American military force presence, SOFA revisions, reparation for U.S. military use of Korean land, relocation of the munitions storage area and alleged U.S. Forces Korea environmental pollution, among others issues, said Maj. Bo Schupp, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 613 commander.

In an attempt to bring legitimacy to their cause, local protest groups join together and recruit other people to support them, making a small group look larger, more organized and more powerful.

In fact, the Kunsan main gate is usually one of several sites where this group protests on Fridays, Schupp said.

“This is a give and take situation,” Schupp said. “Many of the protestors support (Mun) in exchange for supporting their demonstrations. Most of the protestors don’t dislike or have a problem with Americans, they just realize that larger numbers draw greater attention, and they

need the numbers to help fight their cause. If you take all those people out of the equation, we only have about 40 protestors.”

Mun tends to recruit from companies experiencing layoffs such as Kia Steel Company, Daewoo Motors, Ikson Glass and the KaeJong medical center. They travel across the peninsula staging rallies and making arrangements to support one another’s causes, said Ku Song-Kil, AFOSI Detachment 613 Korean investigator and counter intelligence specialist.

“When the economy is not doing well and the weather is good, expect more protestors,” Ku said. “Protests are very dependent on (South Korea’s) economic situation.”

With warmer weather, Korean universities nearing semester’s end and the summer months approaching, protests are again expected to increase in size and possibly severity, thus posing an increased threat risk to troops on the peninsula.

“These demonstrations pose a very real threat to U.S. military servicemembers across the peninsula,” said Col. Philip Breedlove, 8th Fighter Wing commander. “Although

we have an outstanding relationship with our Korean friends, there is a very small segment of people who are capable of causing harm to our people. People need to remain vigilant and take the threats seriously.”

Extra precautionary measures are taken to ensure safety. A 3-to-1 ratio of Korean National Police is one example, Schupp said. In addition, 8th Fighter Wing security forces and OSI special agents remain ready inside the military installation fences.

“Usually the protests are scripted and very well orchestrated,” Schupp said. “It’s like going to the opera, following the program and knowing what’s coming next.”

However, despite strong security measures and a “script”, the local AFOSI detachment commander warns U.S. troops to exercise caution and expect the unexpected especially when it comes to local student groups, such as those from Namchon-yon. The Namchon-yon student groups have a history of being more violent than regular protest groups.

“The students are more ac-

tive and more violent,” Schupp said. “They tend to push and shove and throw paint, eggs, shoes, bottles and garbage. They throw anything they can get their hands on. The key to remaining safe is avoidance. Know when a protest is scheduled to happen and stay away. If you’re at the wrong place at the wrong time, you may get hurt. Therefore, remain alert and avoid unfamiliar areas.”

The 8th Fighter Wing commander warns troops not to let the actions of a few negative protestors color opinion toward the Republic of Korea and its people collectively.

“The overwhelming majority of our Korean friends appreciate what we do and our presence on the peninsula,” Breedlove said. “These people have a right to protest. We can be proud that we’ve conducted ourselves professionally and have done nothing wrong. We can’t allow a few protestors, many of whom are joining the protests to gain support for another cause, to skew our perception of Korea as a whole. However, we do need to remain professional and alert at all times.”

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tients aboard the helicopters four people at a time. It took three trips to evacuate all the survivors to Clark.

“This training worked out great for both of us. We showed them how we use our equipment and at the same time we also learned from their techniques,” said Master Sgt. Arsenio Herlihy, also a pararescue specialist from the 33rd RQS. “Although the PAF (Philippine Air Force) doesn’t have the same equipment we have they do a great job of improvising. We learned a lot of things from them today.

“Another benefit of the joint training for us is that it’ll give us a chance to be more familiar with the Philippine terrain just in case we have to conduct real-world rescue operations here,” Herlihy added.

Ideally, a patient has to be under medical care within the “Golden Hour” to give them a better chance of survival, according to Hardy. Today it took them fifty minutes.

“We’re really happy with that”, Hardy added.

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Card”, allows the commander of PACAF to inject an additional element of uncertainty into Base Appearance Competitions. Identity of the Wild Card will be announced with competition results.

Some previous examples of the Wild Card category are: “Where People Dine,” 1998; “Hospitality Where Customers are Served,”

Aside from the mass casualty exercise, both forces will practice joint jungle survival, water rescue, fast rope, helicopter repel, and search and rescue operations.



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Basa Air Base, Philippines — Master Sgt. Arsenio Herlihy, (wearing flightsuit), a pararescue specialist from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, together with Philippine Air Force pararescuemen Staff Sgt. Virgilio Beliber and Airman 1st Class Renante Dagdag transport an “injured” Sgt. Ronie Reducto, aboard an HH-60 “Pavehawk” helicopter.

1999; “Adherence to Signage Standards”, 2000. This portion of the inspection can be directed anywhere.

It will be up to everyone at Yokota to display pride of ownership and to make each area as eye-catching as possible. “The Yokota Hardware (self-help center) plays a major role in our overall appearance efforts,” emphasized officials.

The store stocks such items as interior painting supplies, green exterior patio carpet, grass seed, fertilizer and weed killer. They also have weed eaters, hedge trimmers, rakes, shovels and numerous other hand tools. Give them a call at 225-7086. You’re sure to find something at the Self Help Store that you can use to help Team Yokota “Prepare to Impress”!

Making final rounds



photo by Capt. John Sheets

CLARK FIELD, Philippines — Tech. Sgt. Roy Killens, a 36th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, conducts a preflight inspection of a C-130 “Hercules” during Exercise BALIKATAN 2001. Exercise BALIKATAN 2001, a combined joint exercise of the Republic of the Philippines and the U.S., is being held in the Philippines from April 27 to May 10.

Yokota unattended cooking fires on the rise

By Senior Airman Wendy Winters
Inspector, Fire Protection Flight

There have been six fires at Yokota already this year due to unattended cooking and for the Yokota Fire Prevention Flight that is six to many.

“A significant portion of residential fires begin at the kitchen stove, most often from unattended cooking and from oil or grease as the source,” said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Buchanan, of the base fire department. “Most deaths, injuries, and property damage are a result of kitchen fires associated with unattended cooking. Remember, unattended cooking fires are 100 percent preventable.”

To keep this from happening to you, fire department officials advise being aware of cooking habits. Keep all pan handles pointed towards the back of the stove since children are able to reach up and grab a handle that is extending beyond the stove top resulting in injury.

Never leave food cooking unattended on the stove and never store frequently used items above the stove where you may be burned reaching over to get them. Remove pans of cooking grease or oils when not in use. You could accidentally turn on the wrong burner and cause an unexpected fire.

It’s always a good idea to avoid loose fitting clothes while cooking since they can brush up against a heating element and easily catch fire.

To help prevent kitchen fires keep the stove or oven clean; built-up grease and food particles are easily ignited. You should also keep your stove free of all flammable materials: like paper towels, pot holders and hand towels. And, unplug frying pans, kettles, and all other appliances when not in use.

In the event of a grease or pan fire:

- Cover pot or pan with tight fitting lid to smother the fire;
- If no lid is available use a larger pan. Turn off the burner;
- Never try to move the pan, this may cause spillage resulting in injury;
- Never use water or flour, because the flames may spread;

If the fire is too large and cannot be brought under control, get your family and yourself out of the house, then dial 9-1-1.

All fires on Yokota need to be reported to 911 even if it has been extinguished.

Fire department officials highly encourage Yokota residents to purchase fire insurance to cover their residence in case of a fire. Fire insurance can be purchased at most

car insurance agencies on and off base. The average cost is 2,000 yen for one year of coverage and pays up to \$10,000.

“Remember, cooking fires are preventable and it’s up to you to ensure they don’t occur,” said Buchanan. “No one thinks it can happen to them.”

For information about fire prevention, call the fire prevention office at 225-9112.



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The results of a recent cooking fire at Yokota. There have been six such fires, so far this year.

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Wing vice commander to retire next week

By Maj. Stephen Clutter
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The middle of South Dakota, where magnificent mountains and fertile plains come together, seems a good place as any to start an adventure. For a 14-year-old farm kid, the adventure began with a love of flying, instilled by a crop duster.

The adventure continued with commission in the U.S. Air Force and a 27-year military flying career that took him to some of the most remote and wondrous regions of the world, such as Antarctica and the South Pacific.

Next week, the military career will end, but the adventure continues for Colonel Mark Bartels, Vice Commander of the 374th Airlift Wing. He will retire Tuesday. The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in Hangar 15.

"I've had so many good assignments, and I've flown the majority of my career," Bartels noted. "And I've been able to work with some great people."

Bartels has been wrapping up his career with some solid, straight-talk advice to younger members, such as his talk at last week's Officer's Call. He has been stressing for young airmen to enjoy the their jobs and the special bonds they form in the Air Force. It's not the awards, or the promotions that stand out in his career, he said.

"I think what I'll miss the most is the unit life," he said. "Some of the most fun times you can have are just hanging out with the people you work with, whether you're in a squadron, or an office. There's a camaraderie that forms, and I think I'll miss that the most."

Bartels, who entered the Air Force in 1974, has held two key leadership posts here – installation Inspector General beginning in June 1999, and his current assignment since last July. He has helped guide Team Yokota through several major successes, including last year's Unit Compliance Inspection as well as the Initial Response Readiness Inspection earlier this year.

He has also been a pivotal player in maintaining good relations with local Japanese civic leaders. Which is ironic, considering his father, the late Dean Bartels, served as a bombardier and "Flying Sergeant" on a B-17's during World War II. Ultimately, Bartels' father, who was in the U.S. Army Air Corps, was part of the occupation force that helped form the democratic fabric of modern Japan.

"He was actually one of the first Americans into Japan at the end of the war and arrived at Johnson Field, which is now Iruma (a Japanese air base, located just north of Yokota)," Bartels noted.

Nearly 60 years later, Bartels has the distinction of ending his career in a nation that is now one of the United States' most loyal friends and strategic allies. "It's a beautiful country, and we have made some good friends here," the Colonel said.

Bartels began his Air Force training through the ROTC program at the University of Wyoming, where he majored in political science. He said he was looking for a way to pay his own way through college, which he did. His tendency to make his own way has served

him well throughout his military career. For instance, he is a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and also served as a foreign exchange pilot with the Royal New Zealand Air Force from 1983-86.

"Actually, that's where I got a lot of my (flying) hours in," he said of his stint in New Zealand's 40th Squadron, flying C-130's and Boeing 727's. "It was a long way between places we'd fly." His missions included flying to Antarctica to support scientists, as well as flying vast stretches of the South Pacific and around the world. One memorable mission was dropping a bulldozer on Pitcairn Island, located between Tahiti and South America.

"Basically, it's a small rock sticking out of the water," Bartels recalled. The islanders, who are descendents of HMS Bounty mutineers, needed it for road construction and maintenance (Pitcairn Island is under the jurisdiction of the British High Commissioner in New Zealand).

As for his rise through the ranks, Bartels credits the guidance of several former commanders – people like Cols. Lowell Fathera and Cliff Hodge. "They helped keep me on track, especially when I was a wild single guy," he joked. Also influential in his career were Maj. Gen. Bob Patterson, "probably one of the best wing commanders I ever had," he said, as well as Brig. Gen. Floyd Hargrove, and Cols. Ben Orrell and Steve Connelly.

"I've benefited just as much from some great NCO's to include my squadron shirt Senior Master Sergeant Mike Pirollo, and Master Sergeant Chris Doecker, who is now at Yokota, and who was my deployed group shirt," he said. "Also, Chief Joe Mast from my Special Ops days, as well as Chief Robert Kelly (374th Airlift wing, command chief master sergeant), who are great friends and confidants."

Bartels has amassed more than 7,100 flying hours, nearly all of it in the venerable C-130. It was an aircraft

he chose coming out of flight training. "The way I looked at it, whether it was war time or peacetime, the C-130s always had a job, always had a mission," he said. "...I've been in the airlift business, special operations and the rescue mission. And I've thoroughly enjoyed them all."

The Special Ops flying was some of the most challenging and satisfying, he said. Some of the most enjoyable flying, he added, was while doing LAPES (Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System) missions, in which cargo was pulled from a parachute out the back of a C-130 flying a few feet off the ground.

"It was kind of living on the edge," Bartels observed (The Air Force stopped flying LAPES missions a few years ago).

Bartels also served a stint as maintenance staff officer in charge of E-3, AWACS, A-7, and C-135 aircraft production, as well as deputy battle staff director at the Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla. Most of his career, though, he has been blessed to be in flying jobs, including commander of the 67th Special Operations Squadron, based in the United Kingdom. Also, just before his assignment at Yokota, Bartels served as Commander of the 406th Expeditionary Air Base Group, Taszar Air Base, Hungary.

Although the extended deployments put a strain on the family, he noted, they were some of the most satisfying "because they were missions we had trained for on the pointy end."

Bartels also is quick to mention that he never anticipated making colonel, or for that matter, making a career out of the Air Force.

"I just took everyday as it came, did my job as best I could, and didn't burn any bridges," he reflected. "Like anyone, I looked ahead a little bit and said, 'Hey, what do I want to do next?'"

Which is the question he'll ponder next week, anticipating life's new adventures. As always, though, the Colonel will have a good family supporting him, which he says has been a key to so much of his success.

"My wife, Liz has been so supportive of everything I've done as have my children Tyler, Ashley and Heather," he said. "You know, sooner or later everybody in the Air Force is going to finish, whether it's a career of thirty, twenty or four years. When the military chapter ends you thank God for still having a supportive family and you continue the adventure together. We have truly grown as a family through our various assignments."

The Bartels family plans to reside in the Little Rock, Ark., area.



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Col. Mark Bartels, 374th Airlift Wing vice commander, as a second lieutenant in 1974.



Col. Mark Bartels, 374th Airlift Wing vice commander, gets super soaked by his children, from left to right, Ashley, Tyler and Heather as his wife Liz and Wing Commander, Col. Mark Zamzow stay out of their way. The soakdown took place as Bartels completed his final flight to mark the end of his Air Force flying career. Bartels has completed more than 7,100 hours at the controls.

by Airman 1st Class Charity Barrett

Yokota West Elementary School filled with culture and cuisine

— submerging students, staff
and visitors in authentic
Japanese traditions

Photos by Yasuo Osakabe

Yokota West Elementary School held its annual Nihon Matsuri, translated to mean Japanese festival, May 4. The annual festival comprises many aspects in Japanese culture that are demonstrated by artisans from diverse backgrounds who share their knowledge and talent with the youngsters attending school.

Some of the Japanese traditions shared at the festival were: shodo, the art of calligraphy; kitsuke, the art of kimono dressing (shown right); sumo wrestling; kendo, swordsmanship; martial arts like judo and karate; kado, the art flower arrangement; minyo, folk songs; mochitsuki, the art of making rice cakes (shown below); hamura daiko, music from taiko drummers (below right); as well as food tasting set up in the YWES common area.



Tyler Brown, a Yokota West Elementary School Student, gets fitted in a Kimono during Nihon Matsuri May 4.



Above, Kai Villanueva takes part in the tradition art of making rice cakes while her schoolmates look on.



Left, 3-year-old Alex Schultz, a pre-schooler, takes some instruction on how to play the Taiko drums from one of the many Nihon Matsuri participants. Below, Tierra Ragin, another pre-school student at YWES, gives it a go with others after some instruction.



Visitors and Staff enjoy the many tastes of Japan as well as see



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Reflecting on an AF career

Gardening plots
QI just arrived in October and with the summer coming up, I'm looking for a place to grow a garden. I live in a tower so I have no extra land to grow a garden. A few people who have been here longer mentioned a few years back the base would rent out lots of land and let residents of Yokota use it for their garden for that year. Is there anything like that available here?

AThis is one we have been struggling with for a while. A garden plot site would be nice to have for our people. However, we are severely challenged geographically. Most viable locations on base would create bird strike hazards for our airfield. We could do it at Tama Hills but we suspect most people would not want to travel that far. Further, we must prioritize our expenditures and the costs for waterlines and fencing would have to come from requirements with higher priority and yours is only the second such request we are aware of in the past couple of years. However, tower residents may have flower boxes on their balconies to grow some small vegetables like tomatoes. Other residents may also use flower boxes with some limitations. Contact the Housing Office for details on size location and disposition restrictions.

By Col. Mark Bartels
374th Airlift Wing deputy commander

It is hard to believe that 27 years have passed since I was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 1974. Those were days when military service was not the most popular thing, due to the Vietnam experience. The Air Force, however, seemed to still maintain a certain level of respect, due to the visibility and impressionability of the flying mission. The thrill and mystique of pilots and aviation in general seemed to maintain a high status for the Air Force. Despite the "popular opinion" of those days, I was proud of what I did and the people I worked with.

The "career" question was asked early on: Was I a 20-year man? Thinking of making the Air Force a career? I would respond that I loved what I was doing, but had not made such decisions. When you are young and single it was easy to take things as they came. As my initial service commitment loomed on the horizon, I looked around and saw many colleagues going for the airlines. I looked around as well and decided I liked what I was doing as an instructor/evaluator pilot and enjoyed the people. So I kicked that can down the road, met my wife, Liz, and we went through the adventure together.

The 70's went into the 80's. I had been at Dyess for almost 7

years and wanted a change. I had been looking at the foreign exchange jobs and talked to people who had them and they thought the assignments were the best in the world. As luck would have it Liz and I ended up in New Zealand for our first overseas tour. We became totally immersed in the KIWI lifestyle and life in 40 Squadron. Then all of a sudden I was a Major and it was time to move on. Even though I was not a careerist it was time to make some career decisions such as headquarters tours, career broadening, education, etc.

It was now "we" making decisions and we ended up in Oklahoma to see what would happen next. Again, the people were great; the job kept me busy, but I was able to complete my PME and masters and we became three with the arrival of my son, Tyler. I took a chance and asked to go back to flying and volunteered for Kirtland because I had always been interested in the Rescue/Special Ops mission. The Lord must have been thinking the same way as the three of us (and the dog) headed for Albuquerque. It was there I made Lt Col and we were blessed with our daughter, Ashley. So we thought we should at least hang for the 20-year retirement (one of my few career decisions).

It was at this point that the Air Force started to challenge me a bit more by making me an

ops officer and later Special Ops Squadron Commander. We moved to England and were on the "pointy end" of the spear. Meanwhile, Liz was being challenged by me being gone to support our efforts in Northern Iraq, Bosnia, and Africa – not to mention the arrival of our English-born daughter, Heather.

Following England we adjusted our pace of life to California where I became an ANG Advisor (I was having as much fun at that job as I did during my exchange tour). We decided that this would be a pretty good way to end the Air Force adventure, even if I was not promoted.

Now to end the story, the Air Force decided to promote me and another career decision was made. The decision took us to Little Rock, deployed me to Hungary and landed us here in Japan.

To sum it up, my career decisions were based on two things: First were the people in my life, especially my family; second was my faith in God to do the right things and trust my instincts. My career may not be the model or example for everyone, however my parting bit of advice is that if you enjoy your life, your family and the people you are with, positive things should happen in your career.

As for us, we aren't leaving the Air Force – just retiring to the next adventure.



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DUI Prevention

April 27 - May 6 DUIs:	2
Total DUIs in May:	1
Total DUIs in 2001:	20
Record DUI-free streak:	85

Punishment
.05-.07=14 days walking, 6 points
.08-.09=90 days walking, 6 points
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(All stats as of May 6)

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WANTED

Car or van — For free or very cheap to use for practice driving also, twin/full metal bunk bed, will pay reasonable price. 227-4960.(1)

LOST & FOUND

Lost — Wilson softball mitt, size 12.5, lost April 18. 227-5546.(1)

Lost — Night Hawk 2000 18-speed mountain bike with a gray helmet, had tool pouch on it with handle bars that stick vertically, smokey color with red writing; and Iron Man mountain bike with a pink helmet, black with yellow springs and red writing, had light on it, both taken from Dorm 118. 227-5250.(1)

HELP WANTED

Day care provider — For 16-month-old boy, preferably in our home, part time day hours, full time starting in June. 227-3633.(1)

After hours worker — The Yokota American Red Cross is accepting applications for the paid position of emergency communications after hours worker, applications availvble in Bldg. 4018. 227-7522.(1)

Reader — To read children’s stories in English to young Japanese children once a month (second or fourth Saturday), but not every month, need to be enthusiastic and animated while reading, and be able to sing simple children’s songs. 227-4133.(1)

PETS

Cat — Short hair, black, very loving. 227-3091.(1)

Cat — Male tabby, 1 year old, neutered, detondoned, microchipped, playful and gets along with other animals, free to a good home, includes supplies. 227-3400.(1)

YARD SALES

Saturday — 4741 Michael Drive, clothes, toys, furniture and more.(1)

Saturday and Sunday — 8 a.m. to noon, 4467-C, Little Tykes toys, kids clothes, toys, household items.(1)

FOR SALE

Baby crib — Wood, like new, very clean, \$50. 227-2671.(1)

Blinds — White, for 3-bedroom garden, \$20 OBO. 227-2312.(1)

Off-base phone — Sanyo TEL M36, does have answering machine, \$400 OBO. 042-560-9421.(1)

Miscellaneous — Back porch awning, \$200; air conditioners, large \$200, small \$75; metal mini blinds, custom fit for 3-bedroom garden, \$125 for all; carpets, \$130 for all; Japanese hamster house, \$50; bikes, \$40 and \$20; 12-foot trampoline, \$175; foosball table, commercial size, \$75; Peg Perego top of the line kids jeep, \$175; Fisher Price doll house and accessories, \$30; roller blades with new \$100 wheels, \$30. 227-3400.(1)

Miscellaneous — Carpet for 4-bedroom garden master bedroom, beige, \$75; dehumidifier, \$40; Japanese bicycle, \$40; 12,000 BTU air conditioner, \$120; meat smoker, \$30. 224-1072.(1)

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Fence — Like new, will help move to your quarters, \$1,000. 227-4169.(1)

Miscellaneous — AM/FM car radio with cassette, best offer; two Pioneer TS-162, 80-watt 16cm flush-mount dual cone speakers for a car stereo, brand new, best offer. 227-4292.(1)

Miscellaneous — Whirlpool 17,800 BTU air conditioner, \$250; two Japanese-style air conditioners, \$125; 3-piece corner couch with sofa bed and double recliners, blue/green, \$350. 227-8762.(1)

Miscellaneous — Schwinn bicycle trailer for two kids, max 100 pounds, very good condition, \$175 OBO; Performance tandem mountain bike, take your mate on a bicycle built for two, \$150 OBO; Yokohama 185/80R14 all-season tire mounted on a 4-lug Nissan wheel, in excellent condition, \$15 OBO; four Michelin 205-65R15 snow tires mounted on aluminum 5-lug Honda wheels, in excellent condition, \$125. 227-4325.(1)

Satellite dish — Tuner box and cabling for Sky Perfect TV, \$350. 03-3409-6753.(1)

Waterbed — Kingsize, waveless mattress, 6-drawer frame, large bookcase headboard, padded side rails, 1 year old, \$650 OBO. 227-4157.(1)

Miscellaneous — Ping eye two golf clubs 3-SW, new grips, in great shape, \$300; Callaway GBB Hawkeye driver, 10-degree loft, regular flex, in excellent condition, \$200; rosewood coffee table, nice, \$50. 227-9541.(1)

Miscellaneous — Patio cover/awning and gate for 3-bedroom garden, complete, \$250; two-piece hard shell Samsonite luggage, \$35; wood fence, complete, \$500; three air conditioners, \$250. 227-3087.(1)

Miscellaneous — Black entertainment center, holds up to 32-inch TV, \$50; baby stroller, \$25. 227-4960.(1)

Miscellaneous — Ivory vertical blinds and valance for 3-bedroom garden, \$40; ivory master bedroom curtains, \$20; blue Japanese-style curtains, \$10; ivory front door curtains, \$5; small 3-shelf bookcase, \$10; two Fedders 8,000 BTU air conditioners, less than two years old, \$250 each; Panasonic 12,000 BTU air conditioner, works great, \$150; awning, new roof panels, \$150. 227-4300.(1)

Miscellaneous — U.S. Playstation 2+1 game and racing set, \$450 firm; Sony Viao PCG-505G notebook computer, \$350 firm; Canon 4-in-1 printer, \$50 firm. 227-4110.(1)

Miscellaneous — 20,000 BTU air conditioner, \$150; 12,000 BTU air conditioner, \$100; two sleeper sofas, \$50 each; two car seats for toddlers, \$15 each. 227-4166.(1)

Plant — 6-feet tall, 2-tone green leaves, in a 20-inch Tarracotta nurturing planter, moving, need to get rid of it, \$15. 227-6770.(1)

Air conditioners — 12,000 BTU,

\$200 OBO; 8,000 BTU, \$100 OBO; 5,000 BTU, \$75 OBO; all for \$325, moving must sell. 227-3839.(1)

Fence material — New wood for fence, everything for 35-feet, paid 43,000 yen, asking 35,000 yen OBO. 227-6938.(1)

Miscellaneous — Phone line, \$300; two kerosene heaters, \$50 each; Japanese stack washer and dryer, \$100; two light beige 9x12 carpets with padding, \$75. 042-559-9126.(1)

Party supplies — For boy’s first birthday, 16-place setting to include large plates/napkins, small plates, napkins, forks, cups, table cloth, 16 party invitations, all in cute bear design, supplies not delivered in time for our party, \$30 for all. 227-5055.(1)

Recliners — Laz E Boy recliners/love seat, multi colored, 5 years old, \$300 OBO. 227-5867.(1)

Miscellaneous — Three area rugs, dark blue, light blue, and tan, \$20 each; large cherry wall unit, \$150; miscellaneous other carpets, \$15; HEPA air purifier, \$30; fence, 13 months old, great condition, 96 feet with gate, \$1,500 OBO. 227-4300.(1)

Computer — Hewlett Packard computer for sale, barely used, too fast for me, whole package, \$600 OBO. 227-6555.(1)

Miscellaneous — Ty Beanies, all old retired and bears, will sell as whole lot only, over 700; large newer fence for 4-bedroom garden; girls Trek mountain bike, \$100; kid’s skis, adult snowboards; entertainment center for 27-inch TV, \$80; old Japanese chests, need finishing, \$75 each; Samurai sword set, \$75; young teens clothes, girls sizes 1, 2, 3; boys sizes S and M, pants size 28 to 30; blues uniforms, pants size 32 and 33, inseam 33, shirts size 16 1/2, mess dress 33x33 pants, 42 to 44 chest, \$125 for all. 277-7328.(1)

Miscellaneous — Awning for 4-bedroom garden, \$350; 65-foot fence with two gates, \$250; navy blue carpet, cut to fit wall-to-wall, \$100; five air conditioners, \$300; upright freezer, \$50; Little Tykes pirate ship, \$20. 227-2635.(1)

Mowers — One side shoot and two rear baggers mowers, \$40 each, have one bag for rear bag. 227-4088.(1)

Air conditioners — Whirlpool 18,000 BTU, single owner, very clean, runs very cold, \$175; Whirlpool 12,000 BTU, second owner, runs very cold, \$100; General Electric 5,000 BTU, second owner, free with purchase of one of the other air conditioners. 227-6741.(1)

Miscellaneous — Fencing for 3-bedroom garden, \$300; awning, \$50. 227-3960.(1)

Bed headboard — Oak, excellent condition, attractive, \$100. 227-2818.(1)

Subwoofer — Yamaha YST-SW150, 120 watt powered sub with two 8-inch woofers, \$90 OBO. 227-3204.(1)

Phone line — \$350. 042-531-9478.(1)

Piano — Kawai upright, model KS-

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2F, excellent condition, \$1,400 OBO. 227-3463.(1)

Treadmill — Wesco electronic treadmill, \$175. 227-8740.(1)

Bikes — Boys 10-inch Huffy, \$10; girl’s Little Mermaid bike, 14-inch, \$15. 227-2184.(1)

Miscellaneous — Yamaha DSP-A3090 7-channel with AC-3 Dolby digital, \$450; Yamaha CDC-675 5-disc changer with play exchange, \$125 OBO; five air conditioners, 18,000, 12,000, 10,000 and two 8,000 BTU, all in great condition, \$350 OBO for all. 227-8537.(1)

Home theater system — Bose Lifestyle 12, includes speakers, amp module, \$800. 227-4363.(1)

VEHICLES

1987 Toyota — Crown Royal Saloon, V-6 supercharger, runs excellent, smooth ride, power everything, great second car, JCI until May 2002, \$500. 229-3380.(1)

1989 Nissan — Pulsar, 2-door hatchback, 5-speed, A/C recently charged, AM/FM cassette, great car, JCI until Feb. 2002, \$900 OBO. 227-4157.(1)

1988 Toyota — Town Ace van, JCI until Feb. 2002, power windows and locks, AM/FM cassette, standard, very dependable, \$1,200 OBO. 227-9765.(1)

1986 Toyota — Carina, A/C, automatic, JCI until July 2002, available May 27, \$500. 227-6200.(1)

1990 Nissan — Primera, A/C, automatic, small dent on passenger side, JCI until Aug., \$400 OBO. 227-6200.(1)

1989 Toyota — Lite Ace van, seats eight, dual heat and air, hot/cool box, JCI until June 2002, two new tires, new battery, alternator and belts, body and interior in good shape, great running family van, \$1,600. 227-2646.(1)

1989 Honda — Integra Xsi, 4-door, automatic, A/C, V-Tec engine, red, Pioneer stereo, power locks and windows, excellent condition, just serviced, \$2,200 OBO. 042-570-6938.(1)

1991 Toyota — Corolla, gray, automatic, excellent A/C and heater, AM/FM cassette stereo, power locks and windows, well maintained, JCI until July 2002, \$1,800 OBO. 227-2525.(1)

1986 Toyota — 4-door, good shape, JCI until 2002, moving, \$200. 227-2658.(1)

1992 Nissan — Presea, 4-door, automatic, power everything, CD, smokey black, JCI until Nov., \$1,800 OBO. 227-6550.(1)

1989 Honda — City, 2-door, automatic, low miles, black, excellent condition inside and out, available June 1, separating, must sell, JCI until March 2003, \$950 OBO. 227-6212.(1)

1991 Suzuki — Cultus, compact, 4-door, A/C, great city/travel car, JCI until June 2002, \$1,300. 227-2671.(1)

1987 Toyota — Town Ace van, 4-wheel drive, A/C, sky windows, JCI until

Aug. 2002, \$1,500. 227-2671.(1)

1988 Nissan Bluebird and 1986 Toyota Vista — Both 4-door and in great condition, two-for-one sale, \$1,000 OBO. 227-2312.(1)

1990 Toyota — Chaser, 4-door, great condition, new tires, A/C, power windows and locks, JCI until Dec. 2002, \$2,800 OBO. 227-6010.(1)

1988 Toyota — Soarer, black, 5-speed, turbo, JCI until Sept. 2002, many after market accessories, 17-inch rims with new tires, \$2,400 OBO. 227-9411.(1)

1987 Nissan — RZ1, 2-door hatchback, automatic, runs good, cold A/C, 66,000 K, JCI until Oct. 2002, \$950. 227-4194.(1)

1991 Nissan — Skyline, JCI until May 2002, excellent condition, metallic silver, automatic, A/C, power everything, new stereo with 10-CD changer, \$2,200 OBO. 227-2786.(1)

1991 Kawasaki — ZZR-400, JCI until May 2002, \$2,200 OBO. 227-4487.(1)

1986 Honda — Accord, JCI until March 2003, sunroof, AM/FM, A/C, very well maintained, excellent condition, \$1,300. 227-7407.(1)

1989 Nissan — Bluebird, JCI until Oct. 2002, power everything, CD, \$1,300 OBO. 227-3204.(1)

1990 Nissan — Presea, excellent condition, automatic, JCI until April 2003, \$1,800 OBO. 227-3110.(1)

1986 Toyota — Corina, 4-door, AM/FM cassette, power windows and locks, JCI until Aug., \$500 OBO. 090-1690-3751.(1)

1987 Toyota — Hi-Ace Super Custom, 50,000 K, dependable transportation, JCI until Aug., \$2,000, with JCI until May 2003, \$2,500. 224-1072.(1)

1989 Honda — CB1, 400cc, runs great, looks good, 12,000 K, has maintenance records, \$2,000 OBO. 224-1072.(1)

1990 Nissan — Presea, 4-door, automatic, power everything, JCI until Oct., \$1,000. 227-3960.(1)

1991 Toyota — Hilux, 4x4 turbo, diesel, automatic, power windows, CD changer, JCI until Feb. 2002, \$4,500. 227-3960.(1)

1986 Toyota — Town Ace, 4-wheel drive, front/rear A/C, new front tires, battery, glass roof, 72,000 K, two months JCI, \$1,750. 042-531-9478.(1)

1988 Toyota — Levin, 2-door, 5-speed, runs great, JCI until July, \$800 OBO. 227-5341.(1)

1986 Mitsubishi — Minica truck, 49,000 miles, \$500. 224-1072.(1)

1993 Honda — Civic, dark green, 4-door, tinted windows, CD and cassette, A/C, automatic, JCI until Aug., \$2,999. 227-8762.(1)

1963 Chevrolet — Impala low-rider stationwagon, shaved rear door, new interior, 327 V-8 engine, automatic, \$12,500 firm. 227-4169.(1)

1998 CR — motorcycle, too many parts to list. 227-4169.(1)

1992 Nissan — Primera, lowered, 5-speed, A/C, Kenwood, skirts, tint, \$3,500 OBO. 227-4169.(1)

1990 Ford — Spectron van, sunroof, A/C, runs good, \$1,500 OBO. 227-3669.(1)

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Movie Theater

The movie schedule is as follows:
Today — *Recess: School’s Out*, G, 6:30 p.m.; *Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles*, PG, 9 p.m.
Saturday — *Recess: School’s Out*, G, 6:30 p.m.; *Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles*, PG, 9 p.m.
Sunday — *Recess: School’s Out*, G, 2 and 4:30 p.m.; *Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles*, PG, 6 p.m.
Monday — *Traffic*, R, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — *Traffic*, R, 7 p.m.
Wednesday — *Traffic*, R, 7 p.m.
Thursday — *Driven*, PG-13, 7 p.m.
All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For information, call 225-8708.

Commander’s Channel

The Channel 18 schedule is as follows:
Family Views — Today through Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Peace Talks with Michael Pritchard: Part 2 - Resolving Conflicts*. Pritchard share tongue-in-cheek rules for escalating conflicts and asks a group of teens what are some common conflicts in teen years.
Thursday, 7 p.m., *Peace Talks with Michael Pritchard: Part 3 - Managing your anger*. Learning to manage anger is part of growing up, even though it’s not an easy thing to do.
Air Force News — daily at 3 p.m.

Gas price increase

Thursday, AAFES Pacific region overseas new gas pricing policy took effect. In the past gas pricing was determined by each region on an annual basis. Now, AAFES has implemented a policy that a

allows for price adjustments as they fall and rise on the monthly basis. Gas prices will now be based on the Department of Energy cost average of the previous month plus each theater’s incremental dispensing costs.
The price for the remainder of May will increase to \$1.76 for mid-grade gasoline and \$1.55 for diesel. Expect monthly adjustments from this point on.

Crystal sale

The USO will host a Hoya Crystal sale at the Yokota High School cafeteria May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kimono photo shoot

The USO will is hosting a kimono photo shoot for Mother’s Day. Call 225-2087 for reservations. The shoot will be in Bldg. 4018 Room 207 Sunday.

Art exhibition

There will be an aircraft art exhibition in the base library Saturday and May 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday the exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Twilight flight

Treat your mother to a special get-away May 13. Sign up for the Mother’s Day twilight flight across the Japanese landscape. For more information, call 225-8988.

Voice lessons

Voice lessons are now available from a United Services Organization-sponsored teacher. For more information, call Mary Frenzl at 035-752-4525.

Pavilion rental

Plan your summer party or cookout now! Reserve one of three pavilions located around base. There is no cost for pavilion rental, but all rentals are first come first serve. Reserve a space up to 45 days in advance. Call Outdoor Rec at 225-4552 for more information.

Traffic lane painting

The 374th Civil Engineer Squadron will be conducting traffic line painting throughout the summer months. Drivers should use caution as this project is ongoing in different areas around the base and can pose a threat to inattentive drivers

Dance meeting

There will be a meeting a 6 p. m. Wednesday at the Taiyo Recreation Center dance room for everyone interested in becoming a part of the new Dance Performance Group. No experience necessary (ages 14 to adult). For more information, call 227-5287.

Hair and fashion show

There will be a hair style and fasion show extravaganza at Naval Air Station Atsugi May 26. The event is sponsored by the NAF Atsugi Black Heritage Association and is inside Club Trilogy at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20. For tickets, call Marceda Jones at 264-5566, Alcana Morris at 264-6680 or Toni Watt at 264-5539.

Special Olympics

The Special Olympics are happening Saturday and Sunday at Wilkins Field from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come out and support the

athletes while they go for the proverbial gold..
Saturday international
The Association for Regional Enterprise Advancement invites base members to join them every second and fourth Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. for discussions and interaction with Japanese nationals. For more information, call 042-587-5990.

Scholarship

Air Force Clubs are running a special scholarship program for club members and their families. The Air Force Services Agency is giving away a combined total of \$10,000 in scholarships to three winners. Applicants must fill out an entry form from the Air Force Services website at www.p.afsv.mil, submit a 500-word essay on “Air Force Clubs - The Value and Rewards of Membership,” and provide a single page summary of their long term goals and previous accomplishments. Entries must be submitted to the club’s cashier’s cage by July 1. For more information, call 225-8526 or 227-8820.

Dinner theater

The Yokota High School Drama Group will present a dinner theater May 19 at the Officer’s club. The cost is \$17.50 per person and it is open to all ranks. For tickets call 227-5224, 227-4848 or 225-5920 by Thursday.

Military Spouses Day

Today has been designated Military Spouses Day. Military spouses play a vital role in their stability of service members and military communities. .

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“Quotes”
& Things

“If at first you don’t succeed, you are running about average.”

M.H. Alderson

Lazer tag: Community Lazer Tag is now available at Yokota in Bldg. 4313. Reservations for 30-minute sessions are \$4 per person with a 4-person minimum and 12 people maximum. A party room is available for rental at \$25 per hour with a two-hour minimum. Lazer tag is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 8pm. For reservations, please call 225-5574.

May Fitness Month: Get Fit and have ball. This program, sponsored in part by Gatorade, will use stamp cards where participants accrue points to earn incentive prizes and become eligible for the grand prize, a trip for four to the Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis. Stop by the Main Fitness Center and pick-up a stamp passport and a calendar of activities. Contact Pat Coleman, at 225-8881 for more information.

Yokota Raiders Schedule

Pre-season

May 20 - Barbarians @ Yokota 1 p.m.

Regular season

June 30 - Yokota @ Kadena 8 p.m.

July 7 - Yokosuka @ Yokota 1 p.m.

July 14 - Yokota @ Misawa 1 p.m.

July 28 - Yokota @ Atsugi 1 p.m.

August 4 Kadena @ Yokota 8 p.m.

August 11 - Yokota @ Yokosuka 1 p.m.

August 18 - Misawa @ Yokota 1 p.m.

September 1 Atsugi @ Yokota 1 p.m.

Home game field still to be announced. September 16 Championship game site to be announced.

AMERICA'S AIRLIFT FORCE IN THE PACIFIC

FUJI SPORTS

Raiders lose to celestial Silver Stars but put brutal beat-down on Barbarians



photo by Airman 1st Class Charity Barrett

May 3, the Yokota Raiders took part in an exhibition game at the Tokyo Dome where they joined forces with other Kanto Plains varsity teams to do battle against the Silver Stars, the number two team in Japan’s professional football league. Above, one of the raiders makes an attempt to gain a few yards, but to no avail. Inevitably the combined team was unable to score against the stars. Although the combined team took a serious setback there, loosing

to the Silver Stars 35-0, the Raiders redeemed themselves Sunday by putting a “barbaric-butt-whippin” on the Barbarians, one of the Japanese teams in this year’s preseason tournament, clubbing them 32-0. The raiders are scheduled to face off with the Barbarians again May 20, same place, same time. With the same strategy maybe it will be a repeat performance and Raiders will have another win under their belts.

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